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RAISE (Revolutionizing Asian Immigrant Stories on the East Coast) 2019

JOB DESCRIPTION: ORGANIZER

Revolutionizing Asian Immigrant Stories on the East Coast (RAISE) seeks an organizer to join our team. Founded in 2012, RAISE was created to provide a safe space to undocumented youth in Asian immigrant communities, provide them with a grassroots organizing home, and increase the visibility of Asian American voices in the fight for humane immigration policies. Our members come from a range of countries including Bangladesh, China, India, Korea, Singapore, Pakistan, the Philippines and Singapore. We believe that building a future where all undocumented immigrants can thrive requires an approach that takes into account our intersectional identities.

We are hiring a full-time organizer to help us execute our campaign plans, expand RAISE's base/membership and build long-term capacity to sustain the organization.

Primary responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Recruit new members
- Coordinate monthly meetings for members
- Help develop the political consciousness of members
- Identify the potential and develop leadership skills of members
- Research for campaign development
- Develop strategies and work with members to carry out organizing campaigns
- Ensure that mobilization efforts are part of long-term organizing and capacity building for RAISE
- Utilize online organizing tools and social media
- Build on existing relationships with community organizations in New York City and nationally
- Strengthen member participation in regional and national immigration campaigns
- Assist with writing grant proposals

Qualifications:

The organizer should possess the following attributes:

- Personally committed to advancing RAISE's values, mission, and goals with an understanding of the various issues that Asian undocumented immigrants face as a result of their status
- Personally committed to raising and centering the voices and leadership of Asian undocumented immigrants
- Strong organizational skills and abilities. A motivated person with a demonstrated ability to manage details and follow-through with minimal supervision
- Excellent communication skills. A willingness to outreach to different communities and to facilitate meetings
- Excellent interpersonal skills with an ability to resolve conflict in a manner that respects relationships with colleagues within and outside of RAISE
- A commitment to diversity and social justice with practices that value and respect differences of race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, etc.
- Belief in community organizing as a means to empower Asian undocumented immigrant communities
- Experience working with marginalized communities

Compensation: This is a full-time position. Salary is commensurate with experience.

To apply: Please email cover letter, resume and contact information of two professional references by emails to raise@aaldef.org. Subject: RAISE Organizer

Deadline: August 23, 2019. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the position will be filled as soon as possible.

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), founded in 1974, is a New York-based national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, AALDEF works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.

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